The

Dkt. 2271/75741

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

plication of: Masanori HIRANO et al.

Serial No.: 10/565,136

Int'l Appln. No. PCT/JP2004/011382

Date Filed: January 18, 2006

Int'l Filing Date: 30 July 2004

For

IMAGE REPRODUCING AND FORMING APPARATUS, PRINTER DRIVE AND

DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Paul Teng Reg. No. 40,837 July 12, 2006

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, N.Y. 10036 (212) 278-0400

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the references listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. Copies of the references are also enclosed herewith.

The references listed on the annexed Form PTO-1449 were cited in May 16, 2006 official actions in connection with corresponding Japanese patent applications. Copies of the May 16, 2006 Japanese official actions are enclosed herewith. Other references (JP11-20799, JP2001-270139, JP07-314734 and JP2001-270139) which are also cited in (one or both of) the Japanese official actions were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 18, 2006 and therefore are not being listed on the Form PTO-1449 annexed hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

Masanori HIRANO, S.N. 10/565,136 Page 2 Dkt. No. 2271/75741

The citation of the listed item is not a representation that it constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the item is prior art. The item listed is submitted in good faith, but is not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular item, it will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

This Information Disclosure is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action on the merits has not been issued in this application.

Alternatively, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1).

Applicant hereby state that each item of information contained in the Form PTO-1449 annexed to this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

If any additional fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Teng, Reg. No. 40,837

Attorney for Applicant Cooper & Dunham, LLP

(212) 278-0400

									-	artment of (rk Office	Atty. Dock 2271/757		Serial No. 10/565,136			
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE											A ARSS	Applicants: Masanori HIRANO et al.					
(Use several sheets if necessary)								·) 	=	PATZ	JUL 1 9 2006	Filing Date: January 18, 2006		Group Art Unit: 2833			
U.S. PATE	ENT	DC	CU	ME	NT	S					FRADEMA						
Examiner Initial		Document Number							Dat		Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate			
		ļ							ļ								
	ļ	 							-								
ļ	<u> </u>	<u> </u>						_	\vdash					 			
		┝	<u> </u>					-	┼			-					
<u> </u>	ļ	├							+	· · ·				<u> </u>			
	-							-	+					-			
									╁			 					
									\dagger				1	<u> </u>			
						<u> </u>			1			<u> </u>					
FOREIC	IN	PA	TE	NT	DO	C	L UM	E	NTS	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		•					
	Document Number								Date		Country	Class	Subclass	Translation			
														Yes	No		
/TN/	JР	2	l _	1	6	7	7	5	5	06/28/1990	Japan			Abstract	-		
1	JР	4	-	1	9	7	6	3	8	07/17/1992				Abstract			
	JР	6	-	8	4	7	4			01/18/1994	Japan			Abstract			
	JP	6	-	1	9	8	9	1	5	07/19/1994	Japan			Abstract			
	JP	9	-	1	2	3	4	3	1	05/13/1997	Japan			Abstract			
	JP	 		_	7	1	4	7	9	03/21/2001	Japan			Abstract			
/TN/	JP	20	03	-1	1	8	0	9	6	04/23/2003	Japan			Abstract			
			<u>.</u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u></u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
OTHER	DO	OC	UM	E	NTS	(Ir	ıclı	ıdi	ng 🛭	Author, Title	e, Date, Pertine	nt Pages,	Etc.)				
			<u>.</u>														
	ļ	_								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
					-												
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>							Т				· · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
EXAMINE	ER	/TI	/Thinh Nguyen/							DATE CONSIDERED 12/21/2008							
*EXAMINE	CR: I	nitia e an	al if	citat	ion o	cons	ider I. In	ed,	whe	ther or not citati	on is in conformanc	e with MPE cation to an	P 609: Draw lin	e through cita	ation if not		